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Eleventh Meeting, May 14th, 1860.

THE EARL DE GREY AND RIPON, PRESIDENT, in the Chair.

PRESENTATIONS.—*Rowland F. Jermyn ; Thomas Michell ; and B. Coulson Robinson, Esqrs., were presented upon their election.*

ELECTIONS.—*Colonel James Molyneux Caulfield ; the Rev. J. W. Clarke ; Captain J. A. Grant ; Lieut.-Colonel Edward Mackirdy ; Lieut. Everard Milman ; Captain Moncrieffe ; Captain John Pook ; Alfred Denison ; Edward M. Elderton ; Thomas Fraser ; Henry Kendall ; Augustus Henry Smith ; John Templeton ; and Robert Walker, M.D., Esqrs., were elected Fellows.*

ACCESSIONS.—Among the donations to the Library and Map-Rooms since the former meeting were—the continuation of the Ordnance Maps of Scotland ; Sheets of Blackie and Dufour's Atlases ; Plan of Smyrna and Aden Railway ; Hughes's Manual of Geography, &c.

EXHIBITIONS.—Photographs of Nazareth, Jerusalem, and Baalbec ; Dr. Beke's Plan of Port Louis and its Environs ; and Models of Boats used by the Greenlanders, with various Articles of Dress, were exhibited.

The PRESIDENT said the two papers to be read were both connected with Arctic subjects, and probably it would be most convenient to the Society that they should be read in succession before any discussion took place. He would now call upon Dr. Shaw to read the first, by Mr. Alderman Hopkins.

The Papers read were—

1. *On a Possible Passage to the North Pole.* By THOS. HOPKINS, Esq., Alderman, Manchester.

MR. HOPKINS bases his arguments upon the remarkable bend to the northward made by the isothermal lines of high latitudes between the meridians of Iceland and Spitzbergen. He recapitulates the experience of Parry, and expresses his belief that the seven degrees of latitude, or 420 miles, by which that navigator was separated from the Pole, might now be successfully traversed with the aid of steam.

Mr. Hopkins's Paper is largely occupied with deductions from analogies of streams and aerial currents in other parts of the globe, confirming the conclusions suggested by the peculiar course of the isothermal lines mentioned above.

The PRESIDENT next called upon the author to read the second paper upon the proposed telegraphic communication with America by the Farøe Islands, Iceland, and Greenland.